

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2-3, 5, and 25 and AMEND claims 1, 4, 6-7 and 28 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A single-layer matte film or sheet comprising:
55 to 97 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A) composition containing;
2 to 30 wt% of chemically modified starch (B) particulates substance, the
chemically modified starch (B) particulates being formed of a starch derivative mixture containing
40 wt% or more of at least one starch derivative (b) selected from the group consisting of starch
ester, starch ether, and polyester graft polymer starch; and
1 to 15 wt% of a plasticizer (C).

wherein the film or sheet has a micro phase-separation structure in which the polylactic acid resin (A) forms a matrix and the chemically modified starch (B) particulates form a domain, and in a cross-section cut in the transverse direction of the film or sheet (referred to as TD cross-section), an average cross-sectional area of the 20% largest domains of the chemically modified starch (B) particulates is 20,000 nm² or larger, and

at least one side of the film or sheet has a surface gloss of 60% or lower when measured in accordance with ASTM-D2457-70 (45° gloss).

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The matte film or sheet according to claim 13, wherein the starch derivative (b) has a glass transition temperature T_g of 100 to 170°C.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The matte film or sheet according to claim 12, wherein the plasticizer (C) is an ester synthesized from a combination of two or more compounds selected

from the group consisting of an aliphatic carboxylic acid having 7 or less carbon atoms, an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid having 7 or less carbon atoms, and an aliphatic alcohol having 7 or less carbon atoms.

7. (Currently Amended) The matte film or sheet according to claim 12, further comprising 5 wt% or less of a particulate polymer (D) having an average particle size of 10 μm or smaller based on 100 wt% in total of the polylactic acid resin (A), the chemically modified starch (B) particulates, and the plasticizer (C).

8. (Previously Presented) A multilayered matte film or sheet comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked so that the surface having a surface gloss of 60% or less is at least one external surface.

9. (Withdrawn) The single-layer matte film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the particulate substance is a starch (E), and the film or sheet comprises a mixture containing 45 to 97.5 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A), 2 to 40 wt% of the starch (E), and 0.5 to 15 wt% of a plasticizer (C).

10. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 9, wherein the film or sheet has a micro phase-separation structure in which the polylactic acid resin (A) forms a matrix and the starch (E) forms a domain.

11. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 9, wherein the plasticizer (C) is a mixed plasticizer containing 10 to 90 wt% an aliphatic polyhydric alcohol having two or more hydroxyl groups in the molecule and 10 or less carbon atoms.

12. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 9, further comprising 5 wt% or less of a particulate polymer (D) having an average particle size of 10 μm or smaller based on 100 wt% in total of the polylactic acid resin (A), the starch (E) and the plasticizer (C).

13. (Withdrawn) A multilayered matte film or sheet comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 9 stacked so that the surface having a surface gloss of 60% or less is at least one external surface.

14. (Withdrawn) The single-layer matte film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the particulate substance is a particulate polymer (D), and the film or sheet comprises a mixture containing 70 to 99 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A) and 1 to 30 wt% of the particulate polymer (D).

15. (Withdrawn) The single-layer matte film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the particulate substance is a particulate polymer (D), and the film or sheet comprises a mixture containing 55 to 99 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A), 1 to 30 wt% of the particulate polymer (D), and 15 wt% or less of a plasticizer (C).

16. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 14, wherein the particulate polymer (D) has an average particle size of 10 μm or smaller.

17. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 14, wherein the plasticizer (C) is an ester synthesized from a combination of two or more compounds selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic carboxylic acid, an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid, and an aliphatic alcohol.

18. (Withdrawn) A multilayered matte film or sheet comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 14 stacked so that the surface having a surface gloss of 60% or less is at least one external surface.

19. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the particulate substance is an inorganic filler (F), and the film or sheet comprises a mixture containing 70 to 99.5 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A) and 0.5 to 30 wt% of the inorganic filler (F).

20. (Withdrawn) The single-layer matte film or sheet according to claim 1, wherein the particulate substance is an inorganic filler (F), and the film or sheet comprises a mixture containing 55 to 99.5 wt% of a polylactic acid resin (A), 0.5 to 30 wt% of the inorganic filler (F), and 15 wt% or less of a plasticizer (C).

21. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 19, wherein the inorganic filler (F) has an average particle size of 10 μm or smaller.

22. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 19, wherein the plasticizer (C) is an ester synthesized from a combination of two or more compounds selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic carboxylic acid, an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid, and an aliphatic alcohol.

23. (Withdrawn) The matte film or sheet according to claim 19, further comprising 5 wt% or less of a particulate polymer (D) having an average particle size of 10 μm or smaller based on 100 wt% in total of the polylactic acid resin (A), the inorganic filler (F) and the plasticizer (C).

24. (Withdrawn) A multilayered matte film or sheet comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 19 stacked so that the surface having a surface gloss of 60% or less is at least one external surface.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Withdrawn) A packaging material comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1.

27. (Withdrawn) An agricultural material comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1.

28. (Currently Amended) Wall paper comprising:
a wall paper base having a surface; and
the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface of the wall
paper base.

29. (Withdrawn) A screen comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface.

30. (Withdrawn) An interior decoration comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface.

31. (Withdrawn) A commodity, a school supply, a stationery or a notebook comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface.
32. (Withdrawn) A paper product or a paper container comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface.
33. (Withdrawn) A fabric product, a textile product or a table cloth comprising the matte film or sheet according to claim 1 stacked on the surface.